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SUMMARY: CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN US AND GOE CIVAIR DELEGATIONS CONCERNING TWA'S SERVICES HELD SEPT 14-17 PRODUCED AGREEMENT THAT GOE WILL CONTINUE ALLOW TWA OPERATE DAILY SERVICE WITH FULL TRAFFIC RIGHTS ROME-CAIRO AND ATHENS-CAIRO, SUBJECT TO REVIEW OF SITUATION IN FURTHER CONSULTATIONS PRIOR TO APRIL 1, 1976 SHOULD GOE OBJECT AT THAT TIME TO CONTINUATION FIFTH FREEDOM RIGHTS ON TWO FLIGHTS PER WEEK AFTER THAT DATE. GOE DELEGATION PRESSED FOR THIS RESTRICTION EFFECTIVE OCT 1, ARGUING THAT TWA'S PARTICIPATION IN THESE MARKETS HAD BEEN EXCESSIVE EVEN BEFORE DAILY SERVICE STARTED AND HAD UNDULY AFFECTED EGYPTAIR, ALTHOUGH NO STATISTICAL EVIDENCE OF UNDUE EFFECT WAS PRESENTED. USDEL NOTED POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC IMPORTANCE OF TWA'S IMPROVED SERVICE, SAID THAT DAILY SERVICE WOULD BE UNECONOMIC IF RESTRICTIONS IMPOSED, AND NOTED THAT UNDUE EFFECT HAD NOT BEEN ESTABLISHED. IT APPEARS THAT WHILE CIVAIR AUTHORITIES, AND PARTICULARLY EGYPTAIR, WANTED AGREEMENT ON RESTRICTIONS, EMBASSY'S EFFORTS TO INSURE INPUTS FROM OTHER GOE ELEMENTS,
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DEPT'S AIDE MEMOIRE TO GOE AMBASSADOR, AND STRESS USDEL

PLACED ON BROADER CONSIDERATIONS OF RELATIONS WITH US PERSUADED
GOE THAT IT SHOULD NOT ACT UNILATERALLY. ISSUE WILL
UNDOUBTEDLY BE JOINED AGAIN EARLY NEXT YEAR, SINCE IN FINAL
ANALYSIS ONLY A FURTHER SIX MONTHS' EXTENSION WAS OBTAINED.
END SUMMARY

1. USDEL CHAIRMAN STYLES MET PRIVATELY WITH ACTING CHAIRMAN
MOURSY OF CAA AT HIS REQUEST ON SEPT 13. STYLES GAVE MOURSY
COPIES OF AIDE MEMOIRE DEPT OFFICERS HAD DELIVERED TO
AMBASSADOR GHORBAL AND NIXON-SADAT JOINT STATEMENT OF JUNE
1974, NOTING PORTIONS OF LATTER ON TOURISM AND AIR COMMUNICATIONS.
MOURSY EXPRESSED NEED TO DO SOMETHING TO HELP EGYPTAIR
AND ASKED WHETHER COMMERCIAL AGREEMENT (WHICH HE AS MUCH AS
SAID MEANT A PAY-OFF) WAS FEASIBLE. STYLES SAID THIS OUT OF
QUESTION. IN END, CONVERSATION WAS INCONCLUSIVE.

2. IN FIRST MEETING OF DELEGATIONS, SEPT 14, GOE CHAIRMAN
ABDUL HAMID PRESENTED DATA FOR 1973, 1974 AND FIRST THREE
MONTHS 1975 SHOWING PARTICIPATION OF TWA, EGYPTAIR AND
OTHER AIRLINES IN ROME-CAIRO AND ATHENS-CAIRO MARKET
AND ASSERTED THAT THESE DATA SHOWED EXCESSIVE FIFTH FREEDOM
PARTICIPATION BY TWA AND UNDUE EFFECT ON EGYPTAIR. USDEL
ACCEPTED THAT TWA CARRIED SIZEABLE PROPORTION OF TRAFFIC
BUT THIS, IN ITSELF, PROVED NOTHING. WITH REGARD ROME-CAIRO,
USDEL SAID THAT TWA'S SHARE WAS WITHIN NORMAL RANGE AND
THAT EGYPTAIR'S SHARE (WITH A SUPERIOR NONSTOP SERVICE) WAS
RESPECTABLE. RE ATHENS-CAIRO, USDEL NOTED EGYPTAIR'S LOW
FREQUENCY LEVEL, LARGE NUMBER OTHER AIRLINES ON THIS SEGMENT,
AND FACT EGYPTAIR DID POORLY EVEN WHEN TWA DID NOT OPERATE
ON IT. GOE DEL CONCEDED IT COULD NOT PROVE UNDUE EFFECT
STATISTICALLY AND FELL BACK ON ARGUMENT THAT IT HAD ALREADY
RESTRICTED ALITALIA ON ATHENS-CAIRO, WANTED RESTRICT TWA
NOW, AND WOULD TACKLE OTHER LATER. USDEL RESPONDED
THAT IT WOULD BE MORE APPROPRIATE FOR EGYPT TO TAKE ON OTHER
AIRLINES FIRST, SINCE US HAD BETTER CASE BASED ON ITS LONG-HAUL
SERVICE AND BROADER US-GOE RELATIONS.

3. GOE DEL FIRST PROPOSED THAT TWA CARRY NO FIFTH FREEDOM
TRAFFIC ON TWO FLIGHTS. (ORIGINAL RESTRICTION LAST APRIL WOULD
HAVE BEEN ON FOUR FLIGHTS). AFTER USDEL REACTED COOLLY TO
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THIS PROPOSAL, BUT DID NOT REJECT IT, GOE DEL SAID IT ASSUMED
USDEL COULD NOT ACCEPT IT AND THEN PROPOSED ALTERNATE PLAN
UNDER WHICH TWA WOULD CARRY NO MORE THAN 140 PASSENGERS
PER WEEK BETWEEN ATHENS AND CAIRO AND 210 BETWEEN ROME AND
CAIRO. USDEL NOTED THIS WORSE THAN FIRST PROPOSAL, ARGUING
THAT DAILY SERVICE COULD NOT BE OPERATED IF ANY RESTRICTIONS WERE
IMPOSED, AND THAT ANYTHING LESS THAN DAILY SERVICE WOULD NOT
BE IN KEEPING WITH THE BROADER CONSIDERATIONS TO WHICH WE

REPEATEDLY REFERRED.

4. USDEL THEN PROPOSED A COMPROMISE BETWEEN GOE DEL'S DESIRE FOR RESTRICTIONS AND USG'S WISH FOR UNFETTERED AND INDEFINITE AUTHORIZATION FOR TWA DAILY SERVICE VIA ROME AND CAIRO, NAMELY THAT GOE ALLOW TWA CONTINUE ITS CURRENT OPERATIONS , SUBJECT TO REVIEW IN FURTHER CONSULTATIONS PRIOR TO APRIL 1, 1976, SHOULD GOE OBJECT TO CONTINUATION AFTER THAT DATE OF FIFTH FREEDOM RIGHTS ON TWO FLIGHTS PER WEEK. HOWEVER, AS OF SEPT 16, GOE DEL WOULD ONLY AGREE TO CONSIDER THIS PROPOSAL AND RESPOND IN DUE COURSE. USDEL INSISTED MATTER HAD TO BE RESOLVED BEFORE USDEL LEFT CAIRO AND AGREED STAY OVER THROUGH SEPT 17 FOR THIS PURPOSE.

5. MEMO CONSULTATION SIGNED 10 PM SEPT 17 RECORDING AGREEMENT TO US PROPOSAL. AT LAST MEETING GOE DEL WANTED TO ADD PARAGRAPH EXPRESSING GOE DESIRE TO INCLUDE ON AGENDA OF NEXT MEETING RE-NEGOTIATION OF BILATERAL TO REFLECT EGYPTIAN DESIRE TO HAVE ALL CIVAIR BILATERALS CONFORM TO POLICY FAVORING PREDETERMINATION. USDEL RESISTED INCLUDING THIS IN MEMO ON GROUNDS SUBJECT HAD NOT BEEN DISCUSSED AND GOE DEL AGREED TO DROP MATTER FROM MEMO AFTER NOTING IT MAY MAKE SUCH REQUEST LATER THROUGH DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS.

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